

## **ABSTRACT**

A REPEAT instruction for repeated execution of an associated instruction (INST<sub>R</sub>). Once a program counter stores the address for the instruction to be repeated, it remains unchanged until the associated instruction (INST<sub>R</sub>) has been executed the number of times indicated by a COUNT value in a preloaded register, or alternatively, by the REPEAT instruction itself. In this manner, the present invention reduces the number of instruction fetches required to repeatedly execute the associated instruction (INST<sub>R</sub>). Consequently, there is a significant improvement in the efficiency of the program code execution.